

## **Statement to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Community**

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020  
TO: All Students, All Faculty, All Staff  
FROM: John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAPhA, President of the College  
RE: Important Updates Regarding COVID-19

Students, Faculty and Staff:

We are continuing to monitor new developments and growing concern regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

After convening the College's leadership team to review the latest situation this afternoon, I have decided the best course of action, to ensure the health and safety of our campus community, is to temporarily move to online delivery of all courses, including all classroom, laboratory and recitation instruction.

Following Spring Break, we are implementing the following changes for the delivery of courses:

- We will resume classes as scheduled on Monday, March 23, but all instruction will be moved online. The week of Monday, March 23, will function as a transition week. You will likely have a modified schedule with streamlined class activities while faculty complete their transitions to an online format. Your instructor will communicate details with you about this.
- By Monday, March 30, all classes will be moved fully online and will resume all normal course activities. I ask for your patience as we navigate this transition together.
- We will continue online delivery of courses through the end of the spring semester on April 24, 2020. A decision on whether to hold final exams online or in-person will be made and communicated at a later date.
- Professional students who are scheduled for APPEs will continue their rotations as scheduled unless otherwise instructed by the College. The Office of Experiential Education will advise students regarding restrictions imposed by individual practice sites.

During this period of online instruction, we encourage students to return to their permanent residence, but we will not close our residence halls. We are committed to providing housing and services for our students, and those students who wish to remain in the residence halls will be allowed to do so. Student Affairs will advise students on the process for indicating their decision to leave or remain in the residence hall. Those students who continue to reside on campus will have access to limited dining and other services.

Additionally, while courses are being delivered online, student support services will still be available on campus, and the Office of Student Affairs is actively working to remotely provide services and resources such as counseling, tutoring, academic coaching and advising, and IT support services through the Technical Support Center.

While course delivery will be modified for the remainder of the semester, we are not implementing changes to the normal business operations of the College. Faculty and staff should continue to report to work, attend meetings and conduct business in alignment with standard operating practices. The Office of Human Resources will provide more information in the coming days.

Again, I thank you all for your patience, flexibility and leadership as we navigate this complex situation.

Continue to monitor your College email and [stlcop.edu/covid19](https://stlcop.edu/covid19) for updates.